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The "Baku" are a dream-eating clan that feed off of nightmares.
On the opposite side are the "Muma", who cause nightmares and weaken humans to eat their souls.
The Baku and Muma have a long history of fighting against each other.
This is the long and frail story of their battles—

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Story

The Baku are a clan that eats human nightmares. The Muma cause nightmares and eat their hosts' souls. During their long history, they have fought against each other.

One of the Baku, Rin, found out that many students in a dorm were being plagued by nightmares. That was a trap set by Arsenica, who plotted to eat the souls of the three strongest Baku. Rin won a bitter fight against the Muma, but that was only the beginning of their battle—

Character

Current chancellor of Baku. A woman who is also part of the Elite Three.

Rin's "Yumebito". Neon's senior, very calm and talented.

Appears to be a boy, but is a Baku that has lived for hundreds of years. Selene and Neon's master, and a member of the Elite Three.

The new Chancellor of Muma. Has his sights set on Rin and plots against him.

Rin's "Yumebito". Was saved by Rin when he was dying. Falls easily for others

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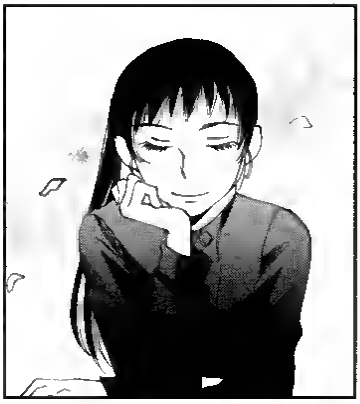


YOU CAME AGAIN?
THANK YOU.
...THERE'S SOMETHING... I WANTED TO TELL YOU... TODAY.

YES...
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU KEEP SEEING HER IN YOUR DREAMS, AND YOU WANT US TO GET RID OF THEM?
HERE..
I WAS GOING TO GIVE THIS TO HER.. BUT I'LL LEAVE IT WITH YOU
clatter
HERE'S SOME COFFEE.
clatter
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
annoyed
...THIS TASTES HORRIBLE..
sip

EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT...
The ring
HE GOT DUMPED BY A WOMAN, AND HE WANTS US TO EXTERMINATE HIS DREAMS SO HE DOESN'T SEE HER ANY-MORE.
HUH?! THAT'S A NIGHTMARE?! ISN'T THAT ONE OF THOSE THINGS HUMANS DEAL WITH DURING BREAKUPS?!
WHO THE HELL IS HE?!

IDIOT, HE SAID HE GOT DUMPED.
I DON'T THINK IT'S A NIGHTMARE IF A PERSON HE LIKES IS IN HIS DREAMS
WHO KNOWS. I'LL HAVE TO LOOK INTO IT FIRST.
HE SHOULD GO FOR IT AGAIN IF HE'S DREAMING ABOUT HER
HE'S SUCH A WIMP. IT EVEN SHOWS ON HIS FACE!
THE WOMAN DISAPPEARED.
HUH?
HE FELL FOR A WORKER FROM A CAFÉ.

Floating Cloud
YOU'RE RIGHT!
Floating Cloud
DELICIOUS!

ARMEN, THIS CAFE'S MENU IS REALLY SPECIAL AND DELICIOUS.
...WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT COFFEE AND CAKE DOESN'T MAKE US FULL.
DID YOU HEAR THAT, SELENE? I HAVE TO DEAL WITH THIS EVERY DAY! DON'T YOU THINK IT'S FUN TO ACT LIKE NORMAL GIRLS FOR A CHANGE?
THIS ISN'T GOING TO FILL US UP.
Women...
munch
...IT'S GOOD.
SEE?
IT REALLY IS.
Heating Cloud
I HEARD THAT THE MENU IS TOP SECRET, SO THEY'RE VERY SELECTIVE OF WHO THEY HIRE...

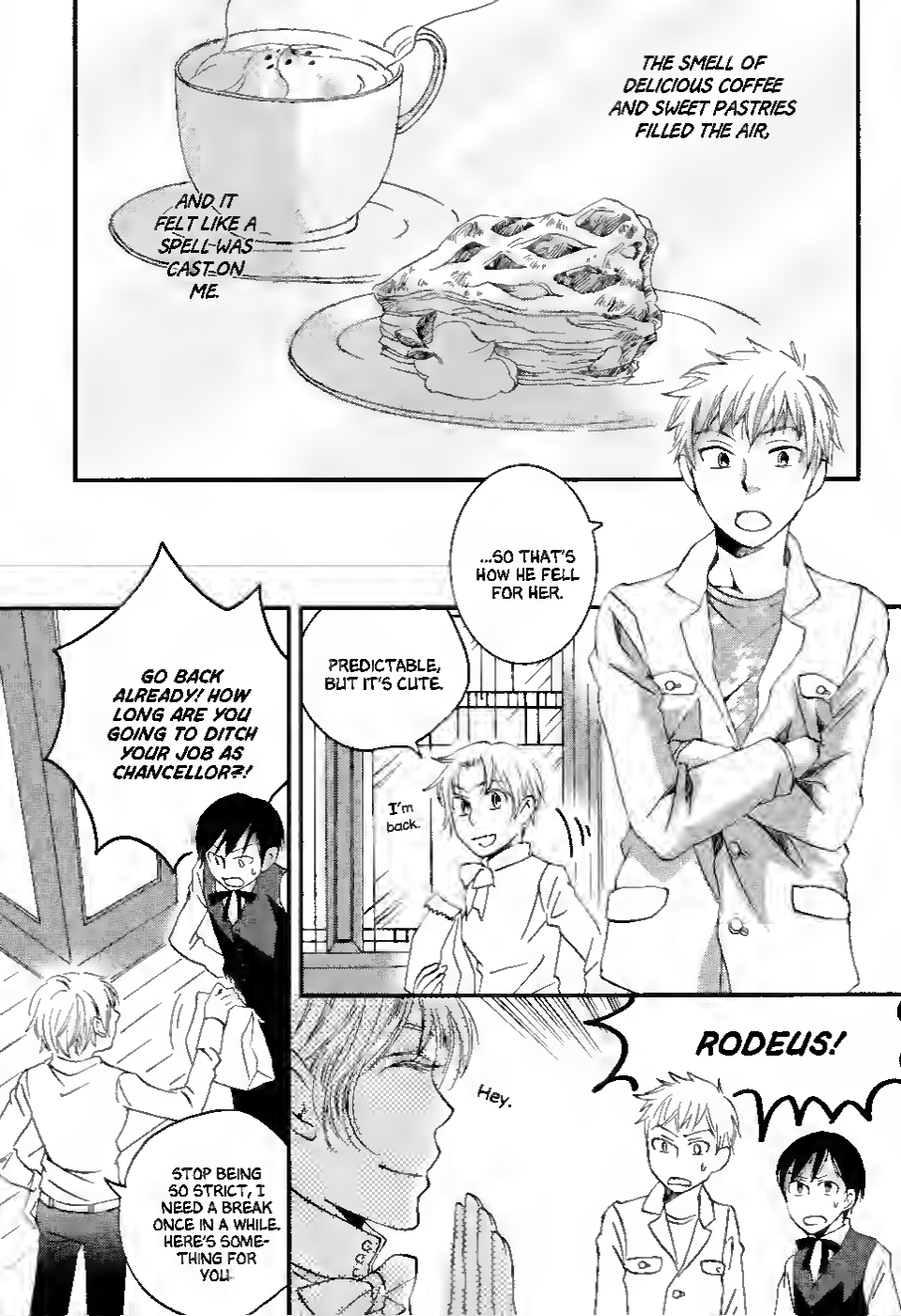
Floating Cloud
sigh

LANDRA...
splash
splash
sound
OH NO... IT STARTED RAINING SO SUDDENLY
CLICK
OH, EXCUSE ME.

YOU'RE SOAKING WET.
SORRY, I WAS TRYING TO STAY OUT OF THE RAIN.
AREN'T YOU COLD? WOULD YOU LIKE SOME COFFEE?
AH... WELL...
I FORGOT MY WALLET AT HOME, SO I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY ON ME.
...!
IT'S ALRIGHT, IT'S MY TREAT.
DON'T TELL THE OWNER!

I WONOER IF SHE'S HERE...
I CAME AGAIN...
I WAS GOING TO WORK WHILE DRINKING SOME COFFEE...
WAIT... I'M NOT GOING TO SEE HER AGAIN.
YOUR ORDER?
IS IT HER DAY OFF...?
THANK YOU FOR WAITING.
AH, THANKS...
AH, A COCONUT CAPPUCINO, PLEASE.
clatter

OH, ARE YOU WORKING? SORRY FOR DISTURBING YOU.
MY CO-WORKER'S GLARING AT ME, SO I HAVE TO GO.
I PUT IN EXTRA WHIPPED CREAM.
YOU LIKE SWEET THINGS?
gasp!
AH! I WAS GOING TO GIVE BACK THE MONEY FOR YES-YERDAY!


THE SMELL OF DELICIOUS COFFEE AND SWEET PASTRIES FILLED THE AIR.
AND IT FELT LIKE A SPELL WAS CAST ON ME.
...SO THAT'S HOW HE FELL FOR HER.
PREDICTABLE, BUT IT'S CUTE.
I'm back.
GO BACK ALREADY! HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO DITCH YOUR JOB AS CHANCELLOR?!
STOP BEING SO STRICT, I NEED A BREAK ONCE IN A WHILE. HERE'S SOMETHING FOR YOU.
Hey.
RODEUS!

GEEZ, THESE GUYS REALLY ARE BORING/ RIGHT, SELENE?!
COFFEE ISN'T GOING TO FILL ME UP.
Rustle
Fighting Cloud
IT'S COLD TODAY.
HERE IS YOUR CHOCOLATE COFFEE.

OH, ARE YOU A REPORTER?
I'M STILL NEW, THOUGH— OH, YOU GUYS WERE FIRST PLACE IN A RECENT POLL FOR FAVORITE CAFÉS!
I THINK I'LL COME BY FOR AN INTERVIEW LATER.
AH, THANK YOU.
I NEED TO FINISH THIS UP AND SHOW IT TO MY BOSS TODAY.
WORKING AGAIN TODAY?
WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO SHARE IT.
!!
whisper
BUT YOU CAN'T ASK US ABOUT OUR RECIPES.

...I THINK... EVEN WITHOUT A RECIPE,
WHATEVER YOU MAKE IS DELICIOUS...
That's just my opinion though!
I'M GLAD YOU THINK SO. THE OWNER WILL BE HAPPY TO BE INTERVIEWED.
THANK YOU. IT'S MY DREAM TO HAVE MY OWN SHOP SO I'M TRAINING HERE.
I-IT'S MY PLEASURE!
STAND
MY NAME'S FLATE.
THE OWNER IS HANES FLOAT.
HE SHOULD BE HERE WHENEVER YOU NEED HIM.

I WANT TO KNOW YOUR NAME, NOT THE OWNER'S...
DO YOU WANT ME TO HEAT IT UP?
sip
WAIT, SO THIS MAN DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HER NAME OR ADDRESS AT THIS POINT?
APPARENTLY SO.
He's too shy.
MAYBE IT TASTES EVEN BETTER IF SOMEONE YOU LIKE MAKES IT.
NO, THIS IS PERFECT... IT'S REALLY GOOD.

YEAH, BUT I'LL HAVE TO RUN BACK...
IT'S RAINING.
SAAAAAAAA
YOU DON'T HAVE AN UMBRELLA.
HERE YOU GO.
HOLD ON, I'M DONE FOR THE DAY.
HUH?!

Landra
BUT DON'T YOU NEED TO USE IT...?
DON'T WORRY. I LIVE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CAFÉ.
LANDRA...
HUH? OH! MY NAME'S ON IT SO OTHERS DON'T USE IT.
WAIT, DIDN'T I TELL YOU MY NAME? I'M SORRY.

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL NAME.
THANK YOU.

I'LL COME AGAIN TOMOR-ROW.

...I'LL TELL HER THAT I LOVE HER TOMORROW.
...SOUNDS LIKE A STORY WITH A *HAPPY ENDING.*

HE ASKED, AND THEY ONLY TOLD HIM THAT SHE QUIT.
MAYBE SHE HAD A DAY OFF?
BUT THE NEXT DAY, SHE DISAPPEARED.
BUT ISN'T IT TOO QUICK TO THINK THAT HE GOT DUMPED?
THAT'S WHAT I HEARD UP TO.
ANYWAYS, THAT WOMAN APPEARS IN HIS DREAMS EVERY NIGHT AND HE CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE.

HE'S HERE AGAIN.
HUH?
YOU SHOULD GO, HE'S HERE FOR YOU.
EVEN IF I TALK TO HIM, HE'S ALWAYS LOOKING FOR YOU.
OH NO, THAT'S NOT IT.
THAT'S GREAT. ARE NOT THERE A LOT OF CUSTOMERS THAT COME FOR LANDRA?
SHE DEFINITELY GETS MORE TIPS.
...OF COURSE SHE DOES, SHE'S ALWAYS FLIRTING WITH HER CUSTOMERS.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH GOOD SERVICE? IF THAT MAKES MORE MONEY, THE OWNER WON'T CARE.
GET IN TROUBLE? YOU'RE OVER-REACTING.
IF WE SAW SOMEONE WE LIKED, WE'D GIVE THEM BETTER SERVICE, TOO, RIGHT?
ARE YOU JEALOUS, VERMA?
ISN'T SHE GIVING EXTRA ATTENTION TO CUSTOMERS SHE LIKES?
IF THE OWNER NOTICES, WE'LL GET IN TROUBLE, TOO
CHATTER
CHATTER
BESIDES, SHE REALLY MAKES GREAT COFFEE. I HAD SOME WHEN WE WERE ON BREAK.
SHE'S GREAT AT MAKING PASTRIES, TOO!
HEY, AN ORANGE CAPPUCINO.
YES, SIR.
AH, CAN YOU ASK LANDRA TO MAKE IT? HER COFFEE IS AMAZING
...OF COURSE.

SEE, VERMA? EVEN THE CUSTOMERS KNOW.
TIME TO HONE YOUR SKILLS BEFORE ATTACKING OTHERS.
CHATTER
CHATTER

A REPORTER?
I'M STILL NEW, THOUGH..
OH, ARE YOU A REPORTER?
I NEED TO FINISH THIS UP AND SHOW IT TO MY BOSS BY TODAY.
OH, THE NEW CAFÉ OVER AT BLUE MOON WAY..?
INFLUENCES? NAH, CUSTOMERS COME FOR OUR TASTE.

WE PUT A LOT OF EFFORT INTO NEW MENUS..
A SPY? WHO KNOWS?
AH, I HEARD THAT THEY'VE BEEN STUDYING OUR MENUS CAREFULLY.
BUT THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO COPY IT COMPLETELY.
TO PEOPLE WILL EVENTUALLY GET TIRED OF THEM.
I'VE TOLD MY STAFF THAT THEY AREN'T ALLOWED TO SPEAK ABOUT OUR RECIPES.
OWNER.
WHAT'S WRONG, VERMA? I'M ON THE PHONE, SO IF YOU COULD HOLD ON UNTIL LATER..

HUH?
I NEED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT THE RECIPES .
THUNK
THUNK
I'LL COME AGAIN TOMORROW.

FLATE...
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
OWNER?

RECIPES OF OUR COFFEE, PASTRIES, MEALS,
AND IMPROVE-MENTS TO THEM?
HOW MUCH DID HE BUY THESE FOR?!
NO WAY!
YOU'VE BEEN AWFULLY FRIENDLY WITH A REPORTER.
THOSE... THOSE ARE FOR MY PER-SONAL USE, SO I CAN STUDY THEM!

<RIP>
TAKE YOUR THINGS AND LEAVE!
DON'T GET ON YOUR HIGH HORSE JUST BECAUSE OF A FEW PRAISES!
<RUSTLE>
YOU'RE FORBIDDEN FROM ENTERING MY SHOP, UNDERSTOOD?!
DON'T GET IN CONTACT WITH ANY EMPLOYEES, EITHER!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
GET BACK TO WORK!
ANY JOB OFFER-INGS...
AS A BARISTA ...

THERE AREN'T A LOT OF LISTINGS THIS TIME OF YEAR.
I WONDER IF THE NEIGH-BORING CITY HAS MORE...
glance
glance
HUH... IS LANDRA OFF TODAY?
I'LL WAIT FOR A WHILE.
clatter

glow
YOUR ORDER?
AH, A CAPPUCCINO.
HEY, HE'S HERE AGAIN.
I SHOULD TELL HIM THAT LANDRA QUIT...
STOP IT, YOU'LL GET FIRED.
LOOK, THE OWNER'S COMING.

HUH? OH, YES, PLEASE.
SIR, WOULD YOU LIKE ANOTHER CUP?
MY PLEASURE.
BY THE WAY, ARE YOU MEETING UP WITH SOME-BODY?
NO... UM, MISS LANDRA, WHO WORKS HERE...
SHE HASN'T BEEN HERE TODAY OR YESTERDAY, AND I REALLY LIKE THE COFFEE SHE MAKES...
AH, SHE PACKED HER THINGS AND LEFT TWO DAYS AGO...
WHAT?!

PLEASE EXCUSE ME.
EXCUSE ME, SIR, BUT I CANNOT ANSWER THAT QUESTION
IS THERE A REASON WHY SHE LEFT?!
SLATTER
SHE WOULDN'T SUDDENLY QUIT...
NO WAY...

SHE WAS IN MY DREAMS YESTERDAY AS WELL.
I TRY TO CONFESS, BUT I CAN'T SPEAK...
IT'S NOT LIKE I'LL SEE HER AGAIN. IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ME.
I SEE. SO YOU'RE SURE IT'S A NIGHTMARE?
...I UNDERSTAND LET'S EXTERMINATE IT, SHALL WE?

LET'S GO...
RIN, CAN I GO, TOO?
DID THE MEDI-CATION WORK?
YES.
...WE'RE NOT GOING AGAINST A MUMA THIS TIME. I'LL BE FINE ON MY OWN.
I KNOW, I'M JUST INTERES-TED.

YOU CAME AGAIN? THANK YOU
LANDRA.
YOUR ORDER?
A CARAMEL LATTE..
YOU HAVE A SWEET TOOTH.

THERE'S NO WAY THIS IS A NIGHTMARE. I'M JEALOUS.
HE'S STUPID.
HE IS.
SELENE.
I KNOW YOU WON'T ANSWER THIS,
BUT I WONDER IF I HAD A PEACEFUL RELATION-SHIP BACK WHEN I WAS A HUMAN.
...
I'M SORRY.

A CUP OF COFFEE INSIDE A DREAM...
DOESN'T SOUND TOO SHABBY.
RIN, DO YOU WANT TO LEAVE?
AFTER I FINISH THIS.
AWAKE...
HOW ARE YOU FEEL-ING?

HEY, YOU! YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY COURAGE, DO YOU?!
stand
NO WAY...!
...DID YOU GET RID OF IT?
UNFORTUNATELY, WE COULDN'T FIND A NIGHTMARE TO EXTERMINATE.
YOU KNOW WHAT?! IF YOU HESITATE TO TALK TO SUCH A CUTE GIRL, SOMEONE ELSE IS GOING TO COME RIGHT UP AND TAKE HER AWAY!
AT LEAST I KNOW I WOULDN'T LEAVE HER ALONE!
NEON, HE'S A CUSTOMER.
DID SHE SAY NO TO YOUR FACE?!
AND NOW YOU'RE SAYING YOU WANT TO ERASE DREAMS OF HER? YOU'RE AN IDIOT!!!
HEY, CUT IT OUT.

YOU... WERE LOOKING?!
PEEKING
I WAS CURIOUS!
Let's take a look!
So you're the suspect...
I TOLD YOU TO CUT IT OUT!
YOU AND SELENE WERE CALLING HIM AN IDIOT, TOO!
UH..
...
ANYWAYS, WE DON'T THINK THIS IS A NIGHT-MARE.
THAT'S WHY WE CAN'T EX-TERMINATE IT.

BE MORE CONFIDENT.
YOU TWO LOOKED SO HAPPY.
BUT... I DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE IS.
HUH?
AREN'T YOU JUST SCARED TO FIND OUT ON YOUR OWN?
OF COURSE SHE GOT FIRED, SHE'S JUST A BARISTA.
RIN... HE'S A CUSTOMER!
THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WOULD DO NEXT IF YOU WERE IN HER SHOES.

DO YOUR BEST.
YOU KNOW THE ANS-WER!
SO KEEP ASKING AROUND!

AREN'T YOU JUST SCARED TO FIND OUT ON YOUR OWN?
ARE THERE ANY RESTAURANTS OR CAFÉS ..
THAT PUT OUT LISTINGS FOR HIRE?
<SAAA>

UM...
YES?
HUH? WE CAN'T SHOW ANY LISTINGS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN DOWN.
PLEASE...!
SIR, WE CAN'T!
I WORKED AT THE SAME CAFÉ AS LANDRA.
BUT I QUIT TO LOOK FOR A DIFFERENT JOB.
I REMEMBERED YOU SINCE YOU CAME BY OFTEN.
YOU WORKED THERE?!

DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING?!
I'M SORRY, I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE, BUT THE DAY SHE GOT FIRED SOMEONE SAW HER GET ON THE BUS FOR THE NEIGHBORING CITY.
SHE WAS REALLY POPULAR, SO ONE OF HER CUSTOMERS NOTICED HER.
NEIGH-BORING CITY...
NOT ANYMORE, THOUGH. IT DIDN'T WORK OUT.
I THOUGHT THAT... MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT LANORA.
!!
IS LANDRA ON VACATION? I SAW HER TAKING A BUS TO THE NEIGH-BORING CITY..
YOU'RE GETTING BETTER THESE DAYS.
THANK YOU, SIR.

IT WAS A MISUNDER-STANDING.
IT'S NOT HER FAULT THAT SHE GOT FIRED.
!!
...THANK YOU!!!
LANDRA'S COFFEE IS LIKE MAGIC. IT MAKES EVERYONE HAPPY.

I SEE...
NO, WE HAVEN'T HIRED ANY NEW PEOPLE LATELY.
IF SHE'S THAT SKILLED WE'D LOVE TO HAVE HER.
SHE HAS BLACK HAIR... VERY CUTE, AND AROUND 16 OR 17.
SHE MAKES REALLY GOOD COFFEE.
PEEK
I HEARD MY MOM TALKING ABOUT HAVING GREAT COFFEE THIS PAST DAY...

SHE SAID THAT IT WAS BETTER THAN MINE.
HE HIRED A GIRL ABOUT THE AGE OF HIS GRANDDAUGHTER,
AND MY MOM SAID THAT THE COFFEE SHE MAKES IS AMAZING.
MY MOM IS FRIENDS WITH THE OWNER, SO SHE STAYS FOR HOURS AT A TIME...
NOT AT A CAFÉ, BUT A USED BOOKSTORE. GO FIVE BLOCKS AND TURN LEFT.
HUH?
SHE USED TO BE A BARISTA, RIGHT?
HEY.
THANK YOU!

SINCE SHE'S PRAISING IT, THAT GIRL MUST BE PRETTY TALENTED.
WE'RE NOT HIRING NOW, BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT HIS MOM LOVES COFFEE.
IF YOU HAVE THE CHANCE, TELL HER TO COME HERE.
YES?
YES...!
I THINK IT'S A GOOD DEAL. WE'RE POPULAR AROUND TOWN, SO SHE'LL GET A LOT OF TRAINING

BOOK
saaaaaa
LANDRA, CAN I HAVE ANOTHER CUP?
AH, YOU FINISHED IT ALREADY?

GRANDPA, WOULD YOU LIKE A LOT OF CREAM?
CLICK
WELCOME.
...
RING

?
DO YOU KNOW LANORA?
"I FORGOT MY WALLET AT HOME, SO I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY ON ME."
"IT'S ALRIGHT. IT'S MY TREAT. DON'T TELL THE OWNER."
"YOU'RE SOAKING WET. AREN'T YOU COLD? WOULD YOU LIKE SOME COFFEE?"

DASH
I FINALLY FOUND YOU! IT'S NOT A DREAM!
FLATE!

WII
WII

CONGRA-
TULATIONS!

I MADE
SOME COFFEE.
THERE, THERE. NEON MADE IT FOR US.
pour
sip
..THIS IS HORRIBLE.
WHAT?!
THIS IS WHY YOU'RE TERRIBLE AT MAKING MEDICINES. YOU NEED MORE TRAINING.

IDIOT! WHAT GOOD WOULD IT DO TO IMPROVE AT MAKING COFFEE?
HUH?! FOR COFFEE?!

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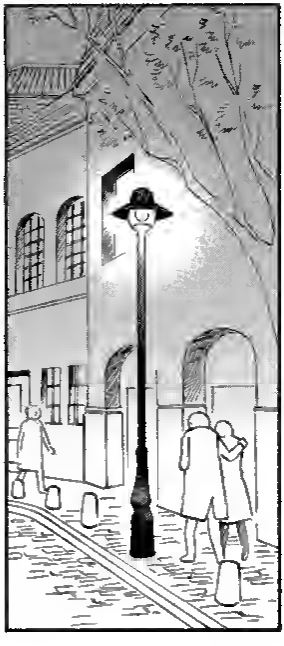

HAA
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HAA
HAA
HA

MASTER, I'VE BROUGHT YOUR TEA.
HOW ARE YOU FEELING TODAY, MASTER?
CLATTER
I WON'T GIVE HER TO ANYONE.
WAIT... SOMEONE!
THUD
THUD
THUD
MASTER!

BUT... YOU SAID ABOUT TWO TEASPOONS!
THAT'S NOT THE RIGHT AMOUNT!
FLINCH
ALL THESE LAZY MEASUREMENTS ADD UP TO BECOME A BADLY MIXED SLEEPING MEDICATION!
NOT ABOUT! MEASURE IT CAREFULLY!
STOP WASTING SUPPLIES.
HAVEN'T YOU FORGOTTEN ABOUT MAKING SO MANY USELESS MEDICATIONS?

RIN, I HAVE A LETTER FOR YOU.
AH... A REQUEST?
"!!!"
SEEMS LIKE IT.
NEON, ARE YOU SURE YOU HAVE THE RIGHT AMOUNT?
...
Told you
NEON, YOU GO AND ASK ABOUT THIS INQUIRY.
ME?

YES, WITHOUT SELENE.
glow
I KNEW YOU TRUSTED ME!
SURE, I'LL GO! WHERE IS IT?
THE PLACE IS WRITTEN HERE.
SELENE AND I CAN'T GO.
smirk
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HE GETS CARRIED AWAY.

YEAH... KIDS (RIN) AND WOMEN (SELENE) SHOULDN'T COME HERE...
So shady...
THIS IS PRETTY DANGE-ROUS...
NO... I'M FINE.
OH, YOU'RE SO CUTE. STILL IN YOUR TEENS? IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME? I'LL TEACH YOU.
WHOA!
flinch
HELLO, SIR. COMING AT THIS TIME OF THE DAY?
HOW ABOUT ME? I'LL TREAT YOU RIGHT.
AH!
DO YOU KNOW THIS STORE? THE STREETS ARE SO NARROW AND CON-FUSING.

WHAT THE HELL, MAN!!!
SO, YOU'RE A RICH BOY, HUH? HOW NICE OF YOU TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD SUCH AN EXPENSIVE HOTEL.
turn
Wait... if you could show me the way...

THIS WAY, PLEASE.
Whoa...
ELZA, YOU HAVE A CUSTOMER.
THANK YOU.
WHAT TIME IS THE NEXT PATRON COMING?
WOW, SHE'S GORGEOUS!

SORRY FOR CALLING YOU OVER TO A PLACE LIKE THIS.
I HOPE YOU DIDN'T GET LOST.
THE ONE THAT BRINGS PINK ROSES IS SCHEDULED AT 5 O' CLOCK.
AH, THE ONE WITH PINK ROSES
AH!
NO, I WAS FINE!
PLEASE TAKE A SEAT.
STARE
SO YOU'RE A BAKU THAT EATS NIGHT-MARES?

YES, WELL, I'M STILL IN TRAINING...
I CAME TO ASK ABOUT YOUR REQUEST.
I SEE.
...
THESE HAVE ALL HAPPENED RECENTLY...
BUT MY PATRONS HAVE BEEN DYING ONE BY ONE...
AND MANY ARE BECOMING ILL.
THEY'RE DYING?

...
IT'S SILLY, BUT ALL OF THEM HAD SOMETHING IN COMMON.
THEN THEY WEAKENED AND DIED?
THEY CAME AND TOLD ME THAT THEY WERE HAUNTED BY NIGHTMARES EVERY NIGHT.
THAT'S RIGHT. ALL OF THEM WERE AFRAID OF GOING TO SLEEP.
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE A NIGHTMARE WOULD KILL THEM...
IS A MUMA CAUSING THIS?

I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU MIGHT KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS...
BUT UNLESS YOUR PATRONS COME TO US WITH A REQUEST, WE CAN'T DO ANY-THING...
...CAN YOU...
KEEP A SECRET?
WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PATRONS..
HUH? OH, YES. OF COURSE.
BUT THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SEEING NIGHT-MARES.

COULD YOU FIGURE OUT IF THEIR NIGHTMARES ARE MAKING THEM SICK?
IS IT POSSIBLE?
YES ..
THEN, PLEASE, I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU. I'LL PAY FOR THE INVESTI-GATION.
IF IT'S BECAUSE OF THEIR NIGHTMARES, I'LL DIRECT THEM TO YOU, THOUGH I DOUBT THEY'LL BELIEVE YOUR EXISTENCE.
BUT... THEY'RE JUST PATRONS. WHY DO YOU HAVE TO DO ALL THIS?
THERE'S ALREADY A RUMOR GOING AROUND THAT I'M CURSED.
ANYONE THAT STAYS WITH ME FOR A NIGHT WILL DIE.

HOSPITAL
THAT'S HIM.
I DON'T LIKE THESE KINDS OF RUMORS SPREADING AROUND.
I TRUST YOU.

ARE YOU ALRIGHT? ARE YOU HERE FOR A CHECK-UP?
AH, I'M SORRY!
THUD
YES, I'M FEELING MUCH BETTER.
THANKS TO YOU, DOCTOR.
I SEE. CAN YOU GET TO YOUR ROOM ON YOUR OWN?
YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THERE'S NO MISTAKE. THIS DOCTOR...
IS INFESTED BY A MUMA.

I DON'T FEEL GOOD MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I HAVEN'T GOTTEN ENOUGH SLEEP
BOOK
EXCUSE ME, ARE YOU THE AUTHOR OF THIS BOOK?
HUH? AH, YES, I AM.
THAT'S GREAT! I WAS AMAZED BY THIS BOOK!

I'M A BIG FAN OF YOUR WORKS. COULD YOU SIGN THIS FOR ME?
smile
RIGHT HERE.
SURE.
WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE IT?
MUM...
THANK YOU SO MUCH! I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR NEXT BOOK!
THANKS FOR READING.

I'LL GO TO THE CONTRUCTION SITE SOMETIME THIS WEEK.
clatter
clatter
YES, THE NEW MACHINES ARE WORKING JUST FINE.
CAMOUFLAGE UNIFORM
YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD ARE YOU TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF?
OH, BE QUIET. IT'S JUST A LACK OF SLEEP.

HEY, YOU! BE CAREFUL!
I'M VERY SORRY, SIR OH, IT'S ON YOUR CLOTHES ..
AH!
A MUMA...
I DIDN'T GET TOO MUCH ON ME. IT'S FINE.
JUST GET US OUR DRINKS
YES, SIR!

SEEMS LIKE THIS CLIENT HAS QUITE THE PATRONS.
A DOCTOR, A LAWYER, A CEO,
A BEST-SELLING AUTHOR, TO NAME A FEW.
rustle
OF COURSE, SHE WAS GOR-GEOUS!
SO ALL OF THEM
WERE INFESTED BY THE SAME MUMA...
THAT'S RIGHT.
IT'S A POWERFUL ONE, TOO.
YOU NEED A LOT OF POWER
TO SET UP MANY NIGHTMARES AT ONCE.

Swiiiiish
Swiiiiish
...THIS IS THE FIFTH PERSON.

HELLO, NEON.
ELZA.
THIS IS MY MASTER, RIN. EVEN THOUGH HE LOOKS LIKE A KID, HE'S REALLY POWERFUL, SO THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!
WHAT A CUTE BOSS.
NICE TO MEET YOU, ELZA.
WE HAVE RESEARCHED YOUR PA-TRONS.

...THEY WERE POSSESSED BY A MUMA.
A MUMA..?
THEY CAUSE NIGHTMARES AND WEAKEN HUMANS, THEN TAKE THEIR SOULS
BUT.., WHY...
AND THEY'RE... ALL POSSESSED BY IT?
YES, WE MADE SURE.

I UNDER-STAND. WE'LL BE WAITING.
MR. RIN.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
THAT'S WHAT I DON'T GET.. IT CAN'T BE PLAIN COIN-CIDENCE.
I'LL TALK TO THEM. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'LL BELIEVE YOU...
BUT I'LL DIRECT THEM TO YOU FOR EXTERMI-NATIONS.
THERE'S SOMEONE
THAT I LIKE.

HE'S ONE OF MY PATRONS.
BUT I DON'T WANT HIM TO BE KILLED BY A MUMA.
...I DON'T WANT HIM TO DIE.
...
PLEASE, I BEG YOU...

I'M RUNNING LATE. I STILL NEED TO MEET UP WITH RIN AND NEON.
I HOPE I DION'T FORGET ANYTHING I GOT RIN'S CIGARETTES, TEA LEAVES, MEDICINE BOTTLES...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
THANKS!
I WONDER IF HE'LL EVER MASTER MAKING MEDICINES...
CHUCKLE
STEP
STEP
AH!
THUD

I'M SORRY, I WASN'T LOOKING...
ME, TOO...
!!

A MUMA...!
I ALREADY TOLD YOU WE DON'T CARRY THOSE!
Whoa
GO AWAY, WILL YOU?! YOU'RE KEEPING CUSTOMERS AWAY!
MA'AM, YOU DON'T HAVE THIS BRAND?

swipe
THIS IS THE LAST ONE...
I REALLY NEED THIS...
HM?
TCH.
GLOSSARY
SELENE...?

HE HEADED TOWARDS... THE BROTHEL DISTRICT.
MAYBE HE'S...
I LOST HIM...
DASH
smirk
smirk
whistle

YOU'RE CUTE. HOW MUCH?
...LET GO OF ME!
!
WAIT UP, MISS.
flinch
dash
WOW, YOU'RE COLD.

GIVE ME YOUR WALLET
AND I'LL HAVE FUN WITH YOU.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CAME IN HERE DRESSED LIKE THAT.
!
grab
STOP!
SOMEONE!

MISTER, SHE'S WITH ME.
CAN YOU LET HER OFF?
YOU REEK OF ALCOHOL!
LET'S GO, SELENE!
MOVE
DON'T BOTHER ME!
SWOOSH

LA...
LANTANUM!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
CLACK
CLACK

ELZA!
CLACK
CLACK
CADMERE!
YOUR HAIR'S A MESS... WHAT'S WRONG...?
I... CAME TO SEE YOU.
RUSTLE

WHY ARE YOU OUT SO LATE AT NIGHT? IT'S DANGEROUS
CADMERE...
I'M GLAD WE DIDN'T MISS EACH OTHER. THANK YOU FOR COMING.
...I WENT TO AN ACQUAINTANCE'S FUNERAL.
I'M SORRY... I WASN'T SUPPOSED TO COME TODAY, BUT I WANTED TO SEE YOUR FACE.
...WHAT A NICE SMELL.

...I WISH YOU WERE ONLY MINE, ELZA...
THE PATRON WITH YELLOW ROSES IS COMING TODAY...
I NEED TO GO.
CADMERE... YES, MAYBE...
IN THE FUTURE...

ARE WE LATE TO THE MEETING?
AH, SHE'S THERE! HEY, SELENE!
WAIT! SHE'S GETTING HIT ON!
HUH?
LOOK AT THAT EASY LOOKING GUY!!!
DASH
IT'S A HUNDRED YEARS TOO EARLY FOR HIM TO LAY A FINGER ON SELENE!
...LANTANUM?

HEY, YOU! STAY AWAY FROM MY GIRL!
YANK
OH, YEAH! I WAS LOOKING FOR THESE! THEY WEREN'T SELLING THEM ANYMORE.
BUT THAT'S FOR RIN...
KIDS ARE GONNA GET SICK IF THEY SMOKE SO EARLY..
SELENE'S TOO GOOD FOR A GUY LIKE YOU!
Shoo!
Shoo!
NEON...
WHAT?

Grrr...
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, LATECOMER.
YO, RIN!
TURN
HEY, YOU BETTER TRAIN YOUR SERVANTS!
IS THIS A NEW ONE? I ONLY KNOW SELENE.
IT'S BEEN A FEW DECADES AGO. YOU DIDN'T KNOW BECAUSE YOU WERE BUSY WANDERING AROUND AIMLESSLY.

...RIN, YOU KNOW THIS GUY?
HOW RUDE. I WAS DOING A BUNCH OF THINGS WHILE TRAVELING.
THANKS FOR THE INTRODUCTION! THE NAME'S LANTANUM, NICE TO MEET YOU~!
WHAT?! YOU NEED TO TELL ME STUFF LIKE THAT EARLIER! I PICKED A FIGHT WITH HIM!
HE LOOKS LIKE AN IDIOT, BUT HE'S LANTANUM, ONE OF THE ELITE THREE.
HIS CAREER'S LONGER THAN MINE OR RODELIS
HOW DID IT GO, RIN?

A SINGLE MUMA'S GOING AROUND SETTING NIGHTMARES UP IN MULTIPLE MEN
ALL OF THEM ARE PATRONS OF AN EXTREMELY BEAUTIFUL PROSTITUTE.
SHE SAID SHE'D DISCUSS IT WITH HER PATRONS, THOUGH SHE DOUBTS THEY'LL BELIEVE ANYTHING ABOUT BAKU...
OOOH, WHAT'S GOING ON?
IF WE LEAVE THEM ALONE,
THEY'LL EVENTUALLY GET THEIR SOULS TAKEN.
THERE MUST BE FIVE OR SIX MEN SEEING NIGHTMARES.
...REALLY?
I DON'T GET WHAT THIS MUMA IS TRYING TO DO.

I THINK IT'S PRETTY SIMPLE.
MAYBE IT'S... JEALOUSY.

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IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE THE ELITE THREE GATHERED TOGETHER LIKE THIS.
IT'S BECAUSE THERE'S ONE WHO CAN'T WORK IN A GROUP
YEAH, WHATEVER!
...I WAS TRYING TO TRACK THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE FORMER MUMA CHANCELLOR, BUT THEY WERE FASTER THAN ME.
AND HE DOESN'T SEEM TO PLAY NICE LIKE THE OLD ONE
...DID YOU TELL ALL OF THE BAKU ABOUT THAT?
THAT'S PROBABLY WHY THE MUMA ARE FLOURISHING UNDER THEIR NEW CHANCELLOR.

AND WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT THAT JEALOUS MUMA?
NOT YET, BUT... IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR ME TO ANNOUNCE IT.
I DON'T KNOW IF IT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT PROSTITUTE CLIENT OF YOURS, BUT THE MUMA ARE ON THE MOVE.
IF WE ENTER THE DREAMS OF HER PATRONS ONE BY ONE, HE'S BOUND TO SHOW UP I'LL HELP.
LANTANUM, I'VE ALWAYS LET YOU GET AWAY WITH YOUR LAZINESS,
BUT FROM NOW ON, IF YOU'RE GOING TO AN AREA WITH A MUMA, I'LL HAVE YOU GO WITH A YUMEBITO
WE CAN'T LET THEM HAVE THE ELITE THREE'S SOULS.

RIN, LEND ME ONE OF YOURS! I WANT SELENE~
...I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND A GOOD ONE.
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE ONE OF YOUR OWN.
WHY DON'T YOU GET ONE?
NOT HER.
I'LL TEACH SELENE HOW TO FIGHT AGAINST THE MUMA THIS TIME.
...IT'S TOO EARLY FOR NEON.
HAH! YOU'VE ONLY BEEN A BAKU FOR 250 YEARS. ISN'T IT TOO EARLY TO RAISE YOUR SUCCESSOR?

SNAP OUT OF IT ALREADY!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S WEIRD. YOU'RE BOUND TO RETIRE EARLIER THAN ME AND YOU STILL DON'T HAVE A SUCCESSOR.
IT'S NOT A NORMAL BAKU WOULD RETIRE AT THIS AGE. EVEN THOUGH I'M PART OF THE ELITE THREE, I'LL HAVE TO RETIRE IN 200 YEARS.
I AGREE WITH HIM. ISN'T IT TIME TO LET GO?
OR ARE YOU THE TYPE TO GET OVER THIS AFTER A LONG TIME?
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK

YOU'RE LIKE A HUMAN.
I HAVE A LONGER TIME TO DRAG IT OUT, THOUGH.
IT'S TRUE THAT I CAN'T FIND A GOOD ONE COMPARED TO THE LAST ONE.
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT. EVEN AFTER A FEW DECADES HAVE PASSED, I STILL CAN'T MOVE ON FROM ITS DEATH.
CLATTER
...DO YOU THINK RIN WILL HATE ME FOR IT?
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP QUIET ABOUT KISENOS?
ISN'T HE UP TO SOMETHING? HE'S PRETTY DETERMINED ABOUT RAISING HIS SUCCESSOR.
IT'S NOT YOU, IT'S WHAT THE FORMER CHANCELLOR DECIDED.

BUT HIS RESPONSIBILITY IS ALSO MINE
...YUMEBITO INHERIT WHATEVER THEIR MASTER BAKU GIVE THEM.
ゴゴゴゴ
...WHETHER IT'S THEIR POWERS, OR *CRIMES.*

WHAT A DISGUSTING DREAM...

WAS THERE A MUMA?
NO, IT DIDN'T COME OUT.
I JUST EXTERMINATED THE NIGHTMARE.

AH... IT'S NOTHING, ELZA.
WE WON'T SEE EACH OTHER FOR A WHILE.
DON'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE.
CADMERE? WHAT'S WRONG?
...THAT'S LONG.
I KNOW. IT'S SAD.
WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER IN A WEEK.
THAT'S TRUE... I'M SORRY.

IF HER PATRON DIES, I CAN SEE HER IN SIX DAYS...
IF TWO OF THEM DIE, I CAN SEE HER IN FIVE DAYS...
WHO IS THE BAKU
THAT KEEPS ON DISTURBING MY PLANS?!

...THERE'S ONE ACTING OUT OF LINE.
I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED SINCE WE WORK INDIVIDUALLY.
ARE YOU GOING TO LEAVE HIM ALONE?
NO.
WE'LL EXECUTE HIM.
IT'S TOO BAD. SINCE HE WAS A STRONG AND TRUST-WORTHY ALLY.
...BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A GOOO THREAT TO MAKE OTHER MUMA LISTEN TO ME?

SO YOU'RE GOING OUT AGAIN, CHANCELLOR?
THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY PROBLEM IF IT'S ME.
Hey!
...

WHAT?
NEON, WE'LL EXTERMINATE ALL THE NIGHTMARES OF ELZA'S PATRONS, WHICH MEANS WE MIGHT BUMP INTO DANGEROUS MUMA. THAT'S WHY LAN-TANUM AND I ARE GOING TO SPLIT.
YOU PAIR UP WITH HIM.
glad to work with you~
LISTEN TO ME. I'VE TOLD YOU ALREADY, BUT HE HAS THE MOST EXPERIENCE.
THAT MEANS HE'S BEEN AROUND FOR A LONG TIME.
LEARN FROM HIM.

WE HAVE ANOTHER BAKU TO HELP US EXTERMINATE YOUR PATRONS' DREAMS.
THANK YOU... THE PATRONS YOU HELPED OUT ARE GETTING BETTER DAY BY DAY.
ELZA, IS YOUR LOVER ONE OF THESE PATRONS...?
I MET HIM *IN MY DREAMS.*
HIS BUSINESS CARD ISN'T THERE. FORTUNATELY, HE HASN'T HAD NIGHTMARES, AND HE DIDN'T HAVE A CARD ANYWAY.
HE'S VERY MYSTERIOUS. DON'T LAUGH, BUT...
IN YOUR DREAMS?

YES, I MET THE MOST WONDERFUL MAN IN MY DREAMS.
MY HEART WAS BEATING EVEN AFTER I WOKE UP AND REALIZED IT WAS A DREAM.
rustle
BUT, YESTERDAY... HE ACTUALLY CAME TO SEE ME.
HERE'S A PICTURE. WE TOOK IT AT THE AMUSEMENT PARK THAT WAS IN THE PLAZA
WE HE COMES TO SEE ME,
HE ALWAYS BRINGS RED ROSES.

WOW, IT'S JUST LIKE WHAT RIN SAID. HE'S REALLY USED TO THIS .. HE DOESN'T EVEN NEED ME.
I GOT MOST OF IT CLEANED UP.
YOU CAN COME IN, NEON.

I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE ALONE.
YOU DEFINITELY DON'T NEED A YUMEBITO IF YOU'RE THAT STRONG.
YOU CAN WATCH AND LEARN MY FIGHTING METHODS,
BUT WHEN YOU BECOME A BAKU, YOU BETTER GET A YUMEBITO. THAT'S AN ADVICE FROM YOUR SENIOR.
BUT A BAKU USUALLY HAS ONE BY HIS SIDE. THAT'S THE SMART WAY TO DO THINGS
WHY, THANK YOU.
...SO WHY DON'T YOU HAVE ONE?
...I HAD ONE, BUT IT GOT KILLED BY A MUMA.
EH?

I COULDN'T PROTECT A SINGLE YUMEBITO, EVEN WITH THE POWER OF THE ELITE THREE.
THAT'S WHY I CAN'T MOVE ON.
...
!!!
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SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S BEEN CAUSING ALL THIS TROUBLE...?
SELENE, THAT'S THE SIGNAL! LET'S GO!
YES!

PLEASE DO YOUR BEST.
SQUEEZ
WHAT'S WRONG, SELENE?
AH, WHEN YOU WERE SAVED BY LANTANUM.
RIN, I TOLD YOU I SAW A MUMA AT THE BROTHEL DISTRICT, RIGHT?
..THAT WAS ELZA'S LOVER.

WHAT?!
THE LOVER HAD THE SAME FACE... AS THAT MUMA!
SO THE MUMA THAT'S BEEN SETTING NIGHTMARES UP IN HER PATRONS...
...WE NEED TO HURRY!
SO HE'S...

WE NEED YOU TO DIS-APPEAR!
SO YOU'RE THE ONES DISTURBING ME!
!!
I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT, BUT...

...THIS IS CRAZY. BUT LANTANUM HAS THE UPPER HAND.
TCH. HE'S PERSISTENT.
LANTA-NUM!

SO IT'S HIM...
RIN!
LET'S DESTROY HIM ONCE AND FOR ALL!

HE'S A MUMA!!!
!!
ELZA'S LOVE WAS JUST A BAD DREAM!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?!
RIN!
HE'S—

THAT'S RIGHT.
brush
I SEE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT WELL, RIN.
ARSENICA!
LOVE BETWEEN A HUMAN AND A MUMA IS WRONG
MUCH LIKE A BAKU AND A MUMA COULD NEVER FALL IN LOVE.

CRAP, WE HAVE TWO OF THE ELITE THREE, BUT WE CAN'T FIGHT OFF THAT ARMY WHILE PROTECTING BOTH NEON AND SELENE...
THAT'S THE MUMA'S CHANCELLOR?
BOTH OF YOU, WEAKEN YOUR POWERS.
I WON'T KILL YOU IMMEDIATELY.

RODELIS SHOULD'VE HEARD THE SIGNAL, TOO. SHE'LL COME WITH BACK-UPS.
EVEN THOUGH THE MUMA CHANCELLOR IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF US?!
MASTER RODELIS! YOU NEED TO STAY HERE!
STILL!
WE JUST SENT BACK-UPS!
WHAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO YOU?!

!!
WE CAN'T LET THE MUMA HAVE THE ELITE THREE'S SOULS! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS IF ALL THREE OF YOU FACE THE MUMA!
I NEED TO CALM DOWN.
...I'M SORRY.
RIN... LANTANUM...
THE CHANCELLOR HIMSELF CAME OUT TO SAVE ONE OF HIS CLAN?
THE MUMA HAVE GONE AWFULLY FRIENDLY

EXECUTION?
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS, ARSENICA?
IT'S THE OPPOSITE, ACTUALLY.
WE'LL SHOW YOU BAKU AN EXECUTION.
YOU IDIOT. YOU CAN ONLY STAY ALIVE BY EATING HUMAN SOULS.
YET, YOU FELL FOR A HUMAN WOMAN.

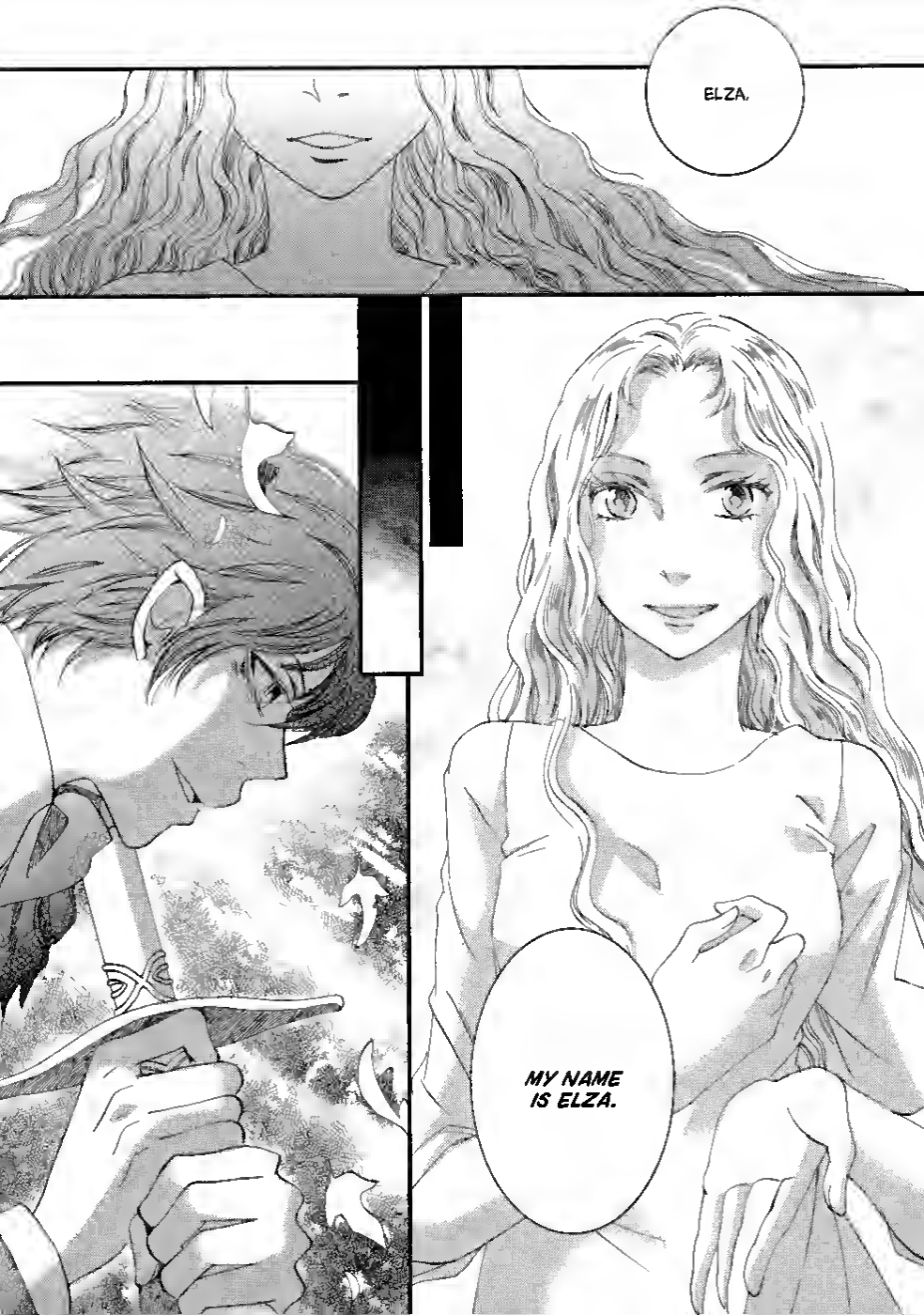
ARSENICA... STOP... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SHOVE
AN EXECUTION SWORD...!

GOODBYE.

SLASH!
YOU FOOLISH MUMA CHANCELLOR.

ELZA...

FU FU ...
WHAT HORRORS SHOULD I CREATE TO WEAKEN MY TARGET...?
WHO... ARE YOU...?
LOOKS GOOD FOR SETTING UP A NIGHT-MARE...
FU FU FU ...
COME HERE AND SHOW ME YOUR FACE.
IT'S TOO DARK OVER THERE.
YOU'RE...


ELZA.
MY NAME IS ELZA.

THIS IS PUNISHMENT FOR ACTING OUT OF ORDER!
DID YOU SEE?!
WHAT A FACE. IT'S AS IF YOU SAW AN EXECUTION FOR THE FIRST TIME.
DIDN'T YOUR FORMER MASTER DIE THIS WAY AS WELL?

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING..?
RIN!
THE BACKUPS ARE HERE.
I KNOW!
Swish
Whip

yank
WHAT SHALL WE DO, ARSENICA?
ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY KILL THE MUMA CHANCELLOR.
THEY SHOULD'VE ALREADY HEARD FROM KISENOS
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A WASTE WHEN TWO OF THE ELITE THREE ARE IN FRONT OF US?

SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT I'M THEIR TARGET.
YOU SAID THAT IT'S BEST TO CRUSH THE ELITE THREE... ONE BY ONE.
YES.
THEN WE'LL RETREAT LIKE YOU SUGGESTED.
TUG

THEY RAN. GUESS IT'S TIME TO EXTERMINATE THE LOW-LEVEL ONES THAT CAN'T KEEP A HUMAN SHAPE.
I'M LEAVING THIS TO YOU. I'M TIRED FROM WORKING ALL DAY
GEEZ...
COME, SELENE. YOU'VE WATCHED ME EXTERMINATE MUMA, BUT IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO LEARN
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. I'M JUST A YUMEBITO I CAN ONLY EXTERMINATE NIGHTMARES.
JUST WATCH AND MIMIC MY MOVE MENTS
I'M ONE OF THE ELITE THREE, SO WE'LL NEVER KNOW WHEN THEY'LL COME FOR ME.

THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS I NEED TO TELL BOTH OF YOU.
NEON, YOU, TOO! WATCH CLOSELY!
DRAW
LET'S GO.
nod

SEND LIGHT TO THE DARKNESS!
swish

...I GOT THIS INFORMATION RIGHT BEFORE I INHERITED MY MASTER'S POWERS.
..LISTEN. EVER BAKU WILL GET A NOTICE, BUT..
I'LL TELL YOU GUYS NOW TO AVOID CONFUSION.

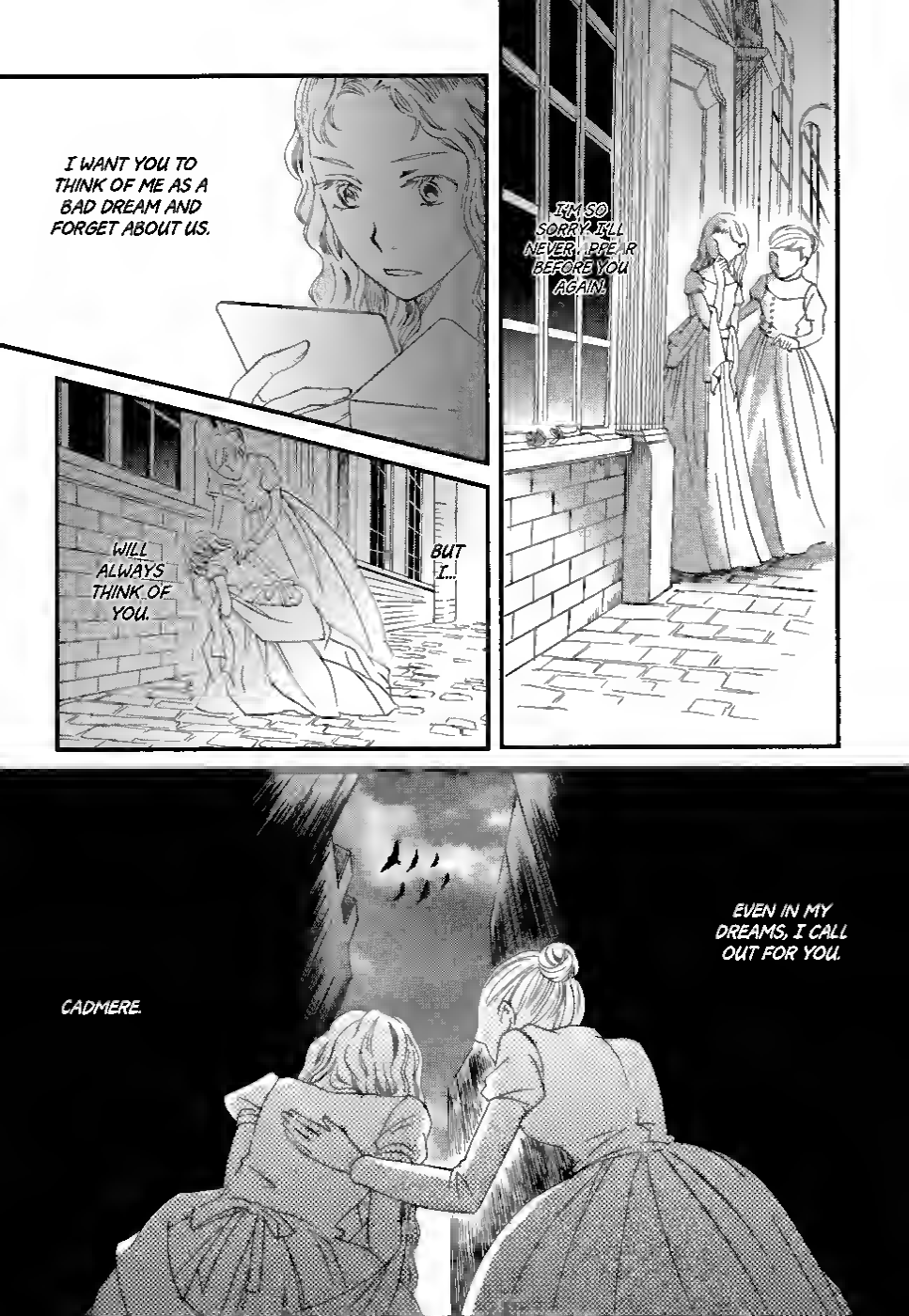
THE CURRENT CHANCELLOR, ARSENICA, IS AIMING TO EAT ALL OF THE ELITE THREE'S SOULS—
Wiggle
ARSENICA IS THE KEYSTONE OF THE MUMA, BUT HE HAS A WEAKNESS.
IF HE'S KILLED, THE MUMA WILL DIE WITH HIM.
AND ULTIMATELY DESTROY THE BAKU.
IF YOU DESTROY THE MUMA CHANCELLOR, ALL OF THEM WILL DIE
BUT DON'T DO ANYTHING EXTREME.
AVOID ACTING ON YOUR OWN, AND TRY TO KEEP COMMUNICATION WITH EACH OTHER.

RIN...
I'LL GO SEE ELZA. I CAN'T LEAVE HER ALONE.
...ARE YOU GOING TO TELL HER?
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN TELL HER THE TRUTH.
NEON. YOU GO WITH SELENE. IT'S GETTING DARK OUT
HUH? SURE.

...
ARSENICA MENTIONED IT.
WHAT DID HE MEAN BY KISENOS GETTING EXECUTED?
HE WAS EXECUTED BY THE MUMA?!
TURN
WHEW! I'M TIRED. I'M DONE FOR THE DAY.
WAIT, LANTANUM.
ARE YOU SAYING...

YOU'VE BEEN AROUND FOR SO LONG. YOU SHOULD KNOW!
PLEASE GIVE ME A STEM OF THAT ROSE AND A CARD.
AH... YES
SURE THING. IS IT A PRESENT?
THAT'S SWEET! THERE WAS A NICE LOOKING MAN
WHO ASKED FOR A BOUQUET OF THESE. I'M SO JEALOUS!
WHY ARE YOU KEEPING QUIET?!
WHAT ARE YOU HIDING FROM ME?!

My Dearest Elz
I'm so sa
THANKS.
HERE YOU GO.
MY DEAREST ELZ


I WANT YOU TO THINK OF ME AS A BAD DREAM AND FORGET ABOUT US.
I'M SO SORRY. I'LL NEVER APPEAR BEFORE YOU AGAIN.
WILL ALWAYS THINK OF YOU.
BUT I...
EVEN IN MY DREAMS, I CALL OUT FOR YOU.
CADMERE.

BAKU [2] THE END

MASTER RODEUS! WE NEED TO GET READY TO LEAVE!
ARE YOU GOING OUT?
YEP.
NAH, TOO BOTHER-SOME.
SAME HERE.
DO YOU TWO WANT TO COME?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE COME HERE, SO I'M HAVING A MEETING WITH NEARBY BAKU.
EXTRA: THE LIFE OF A BAKU

CLENCH
DO YOU WANT TO COME?
GEEZ!
JUST MAKE IT AN ORDER IF YOU WANT US TO COME!
...I SEE.
ESPECIALLY YOU, LANTANUM! IT'S BEEN SO MANY DECADES SINCE WE LAST MET!
YEAH, YEAH, I'M SORRY. I'LL BE HERE FOR A WHILE.
They always ask me if you're dead!
SO HE'S GOING TO STAY HERE IN THE MEAN-TIME...
EVERYONE'S NERVOUS ABOUT THE SUDDEN MOVEMENT OF THE MUMA.
YOU GUYS SHOULD COME TO REASSURE THEM THAT YOU'RE FINE.

AGAIN, WITH THAT... THAT VERY MOBILE OUTFIT...
WHAT'S WRONG, ARMEN?
MASTER RODELIS, IF YOU'RE GOING OUT, YOU CAN PICK WHATEVER YOU'D LIKE FROM MY WARDROBE.
OH, REALLY?!
DON'T WORRY, SELENE. THIS IS FINE.
I JUST THOUGHT YOU'D LOOK GOOO IF YOU DRESSED LIKE SELENE ONCE IN A WHILE!
chuckle
IT'S NOTHING!
POUT
IS SHE GETTING READY? SHE USUALLY JUST THROWS ON A COAT OVER WHATEVER SHE'S WEARING.
RODELIS IS SURE TAKING HER TIME.
I'LL HELP YOU

RODEUS?!
Sigh
CLACK
THANKS FOR WAITING.
...IS IT SOME IMPORTANT MEETING TODAY?
NAH, I JUST FELT LIKE DRESSING UP
Smile
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE ALL THREE OF US WALKED TOGETHER LIKE THIS.

I'LL TAKE YOU TO THAT CAFÉ I WENT WITH SELENE
hustle
hustle
AFTER WE'RE FINISHED WITH OUR MEETING.
YEAH.
YOU WERE CONSTANTLY TELLING US TO LEAVE BEFORE.
DID YOU GIVE UP, RIN?
SHUT UP, LANTANUM.
SELENE LOOKS HAPPY WHEN SHE'S AROUND RODEUS
I FIGURED WOMEN NEED SOME TIME TOGETHER.
YOU HAVE A SOFT SPOT FOR SELENE.
SHUT UP!
WE'RE ALMOST AT THE MEETING. STOP FIGHTING, YOU TWO.
WHOA!
TRIP

I HAVEN'T DRESSED LIKE THIS SINCE I BECAME CHANCELLOR
YOU'RE RIGHT.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT USED TO IT.
TOO BAD FOR ARMEN, BUT IT'S BETTER TO DRESS LIKE MY USUAL SELF FOR MUMA HUNTING.
IT'S HARD TO MOVE IN THIS
OH, SO ARMEN REQUESTED IT?
YUP.

sigh
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN MASTER RODELIS DRESSED LIKE THAT.
slow
THANK YOU, SELENE.
I WISH RIN WOULD LET ME DRESS HIM. HE ALWAYS LOOKS THE SAME.
sigh
NO PROBLEM! I DEAL WITH BOYS EVERY DAY, SO IT WAS A NICE CHANGE~!
MASTER RODELIS SHOULD DRESS LIKE A LADY. SHE ALWAYS WEARS MEN'S CLOTHES.
sigh
RIN AND I ARE "BOYS"?
YOU STOP CARING ABOUT THESE THINGS
I WONDER IF YOU LIVE TOO LONG

JUST LIKE
OUR MASTERS.

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